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sending the signature over the network separately from at least one of the first information and the second information.

- (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, wherein the first information comprises an authorization data structure and the second information comprises a software object.
- 3. (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, further comprising a step of appending the signature to the first information.
- (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, determining which resources a software object in the second information is entitled to interact with.
- (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, 5. wherein the step of sending second information comprises a step of waiting a predetermined time period after the step of sending the first information before sending the second information.
- (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, 6. wherein the first information includes authorization information for an associated software object.
- 7. (As Filed) The method for distributing information of claim 1, wherein:

the step of sending the first information comprises transmitting the first information over a first transmission pathway,

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the step of sending the second information comprises transmitting the second information over a second transmission pathway different from the first transmission pathway, and

the step of sending the signature comprises transmitting the signature over a third transmission pathway different from at least one of the first and second transmission pathways.

8. (Previously Amended) A method for detecting modification of information, the method comprising steps of:

receiving first information from a network;

receiving second information from the network separately from the step of receiving the first information;

receiving a signature from the network separately from at least one of the first and second information; and

authenticating the signature over the first and second information.

- 9. (As Filed) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, wherein the first information comprises an authorization data structure and the second information comprises a software object.
- 10. (As Filed) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, wherein:

the step of receiving first information comprises receiving the first information from a first transmission pathway,

the step of receiving second information comprises receiving the second information from a second transmission pathway different from the first transmission pathway, and

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the step of receiving a signature comprises receiving the signature from a third transmission pathway different from at least one of the first and second transmission pathways.

11. (As Filed) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, further comprising a steps of:

correlating the first information to the second information; and correlating the signature to the first information and second information.

- 12. (As Filed) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, further comprising a step of determining a lifetime for which the second information is usable.
- 13. (As Filed) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, further comprising a step of checking the first information for an authorization corresponding to the second information.
- 14. (Once Amended) A conditional access system for detecting modification of information, comprising:

an information object;

authorization information, wherein a signature is generated over the information object and the authorization information;

the information object uses a first transmission pathway to a set top box, the authorization information uses a second transmission pathway to the set top box that is different from the first transmission pathway, and

the signature uses a third transmission pathway to the set top box that is different from at least one of the first and second transmission pathways.

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- 15. (As Filed) The conditional access system of claim 14, further comprising an authorization message which includes the authorization information and the signature.
- 16. (As Filed) The conditional access system of claim 15, wherein the authorization message includes a plurality of signatures.
- 17. (As Filed) The conditional access system of claim 16, wherein each of the plurality of signatures uses a different signing algorithm.
- 18. (As Filed) The conditional access system of claim 14, wherein the authorization information includes authorization tiers which pre-authorize a plurality of information objects.
- 19. (As Filed) The conditional access system of claim 14, wherein the information object is sent separately over a network from the authorization information.

20. Previously Canceled.

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21. (New) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, further comprising steps of:

determining if access of at least one of the first and second information is authorized; and

ignoring the second information if not authorized.

22. (New) The method for detecting modification of information of claim 8, further comprising steps of:

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